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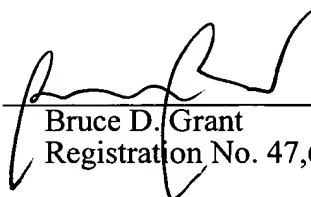
Please enter new claims 7-11 and cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer. The new claims find basis in the specification and original claim 1 and add no new matter.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants elect without traverse primer pairs designated by SEQ ID NOs: 8 and 9 and SEQ ID NOs: 10 and 11 pursuant to sections 1(a)(i) and (ii) of the Office action, and sequence determination oligonucleotides designated by SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4 pursuant to sections 1(b)(i) and (ii) of the Office action. As there was no restriction requirement, it is Applicants' understanding that pending claims 2-11 will be examined by the Office as they are generic with respect to the elected species.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing 532592002000. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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